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MORE 1980 REPORTS

NEBRASKA

In the city of Omaha, Diane Mueller kept a pet goat in her backyard. She had nursed the goat through a difficult period following birth and now, several months later, she even took the pet to work with her on occasion. On the morning of January 10, 1980, it was windy and sleeteting a little and she decided to leave the goat in the backyard near its little shed. The garbage man arrived between 10:30 and 11:00 AM and the goat was okay at that time. A neighbor arrived home for lunch - she habitually looked out the back window to check on the goat (named "Bambi") but on this day she couldn't see it. Around 3:15 or 3:30 PM, Mrs. Mueller's daughter and a friend came home from school to find Bambi dead in the center of the backyard about 6 feet from the south fence. The next day Nebraska Humane Society Field Supervisor Neil Ham and investigator Robert Farley arrived to examine the carcass. The only wound was a hole about the size of a dime in the neck near the jugular vein. A 17-year-old neighbor boy was interviewed. He had said at one time that he would like to see his dog "rip the goat apart". He claimed no knowledge of the incident but remarked that a number of cats had been disappearing from the neighborhood. As far as can be determined, no complete autopsy was done on the goat.

The information on this case comes to us courtesy of Ray W. Boeche, Director of the Fortean Research Center in Ligonier, Pennsylvania, although Ray has just recently moved back to his native southeastern Nebraska. He summed up the "Bambi" incident for us as follows:

It happened in broad daylight in a closely-populated area of Omaha (homes are, on the average, about 30-60 feet apart), and there were no witnesses. The neighbors were in the habit of checking out their windows on the goat during the day. He seemed to be a favorite "resident" to many of them; but none observed anything out of the ordinary until the daughter found the goat dead. The Humane Society was cooperative until I said I disagreed with their cause of death - a stab wound with a stick. In the original photos, the wound is very clear. Perfectly smooth edges, between the size of a nickel and a dime. No blood was found in the carcass, none on the ground and none in or around the wound. This information was given to me by the Humane Society. After I said I could not accept the wound as a stabbing with a stick, they became decidedly hostile and unwilling to give any more information. The original photos and, to some extent, the copies, make this (the wound) quite obvious.

Additional sources: OMAHA SUN, January 31, 1980 and December 11, 1980; Nebraska Humane Society report, dated Jan. 23, 1980, regarding investigation of Jan. 11, 1980.

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TEXAS

Stonewall County (Aspermont- Peacock area); October-November 1980. We learned of these two cases too late to have included them in our 1980 chronology in STIGMATA #12. This report is of special interest because both animals survived the initial attack. The following article appeared in the Abilene, Texas REPORTER-NEWS on November 18, 1980:

The recent discovery of two calf mutilations in Stonewall County have led Sheriff Marvin Crawford to suspect what he calls "devil worshippers" to be practicing in the Big Country. Sheriff Crawford said these two isolated incidents are the first in the area in about four years. The 350-lb steer which returned from grazing minus the hide surrounding its sex organ was found on the property of V.E. (Sonny) Jones of Aspermont, said Crawford. "Missing was a foot-and-a-half of hide from an area extending from the animal's crotch to its navel", explained Crawford. Jones found the first calf October 30th and thought it had met with some sort of range accident on the 350-acre spread he leases south of Peacock. "It looked like a big tree was sticking out of its belly", said Jones. "When I got closer and saw the skin hanging from its belly I thought it had walked into some barbed wire". The animal was so weak Jones thought it best to relieve the animal of its misery and destroyed it, he said.

Exactly two weeks to the day, November 13th, after the first calf had been discovered, Jones spotted another of his Black Angus calves with a similar problem. This time the handiwork was too neat to dismiss lightly and Jones notified the sheriff's office on Thursday. "The borders of the cut were perfectly straight. There were no wobbles", Jones said. Crawford called in Rotan veterinarian Dr. Barry W. Allen to examine the animal, which survived the mutilation. Allen confirmed that the removal of the skin around the genital area of the animal was done with a very sharp object as evidenced by the sharply-defined edges of the remaining skin. "There was no way it could have been a tear", said Allen. Allen is convinced it was someone with a sharp knife of some sort because the skin removed was cut out in a perfectly symmetrical pattern. "The shape of both sides of the cut are exactly the same", he said.

The animal did not die of severe hemorrhaging because there are no large blood vessels that close to the surface, explained Allen. "I believe they used a dart to sedate the animal", said Crawford. How else do you pin down a 400-lb. animal?", he asked. "It is quite possible a sedative of some sort was used", said Allen. Crawford explained that if the animal dies as a result of the mutilation the offense will become a felony. Jones estimates he will lose about \$300 if the steer dies. "Whoever did it (the mutilation) knew what they were doing", said Crawford. "It was a very neat job", said Allen. In the five years he's been ranching in this area, Jones said he'd never seen anything like it. "The people I've talked to think it was a cult outfit. I really don't know", said Jones. The 8-month-old calf was found more than 12 hours after the mutilation and blood tests for traces of a sedative were impossible, said Allen.

(Credit: Arthur Cabasos - Abilene, Texas REPORTER-NEWS)

X-9 DEEP-SIXES GRUDGE 13

(A regular STIGMATA reader, writing under the nom de plume "X-9", has allowed us to print the following letter in critique of the allegations by the pseudonymous "Toulinet" regarding "Project Grudge Report Number 13", as described in STIGMATA #14):

I think I can safely say that the "Toulinet Memo" will go down in ufolgy as even bigger than Timothy Green Beckley's book on saucerian sex. "Canard or Reality"? Canard - and badly done, at that. The 9-year period claimed is curious. What about significant UFO sightings before 1942? None at all? What about those after 1951 (and 1969)? There were no references to previous/subsequent works? Note the charmingly vague reference to human mutilations. No names, no places, no dates, no explanation (surely, this question would have been put to the alien captives - with some considerable force, I would suspect). And they haven't objected to their "people" being held in detention?

As for Toulinet's "background", we are told nothing to indicate why he was picked for a sensitive job - after a nervous breakdown. Now, there's more to this than may be obvious to those in substantial ignorance of the military. It is quite possible to know so much that the person is literally too important to risk in a war zone. In fact, certain military and civilian employees of Uncle are forbidden (in peacetime, that is) to travel to many parts of the world just for fear they might be picked up by hostiles. Thus, our boy couldn't have known too many secrets or he wouldn't have been posted to the Special Forces. Secondly, a man with a record of a mental breakdown strikes me as an odd choice to be given an enhanced security clearance afterwards. As for "trying and unpleasant", a fair number of people from the Forces were seconded to the Phoenix Program. And we find that he was a captain in the Forces and still a captain in 1977! Like the Marines, the SF left Vietnam as a group long before the bulk of the military (Army, that is). There would have been very few SF as such (if any) after 1970, so that's a long time in grade. Those who fail to make major are automatically separated.

Let's consider the "Listening Post". Listening for what? Having let us in on the tip-tippy-top secret of the century, is it unreasonable to ask what his job was there? Ah, and that report. Now we are told the 1951 report was never distributed and subsequently destroyed - but that it was updated through 1969 and available through 1977. How, then, was it disclosed that there was no dissemination (perhaps his copy was brought by a Space Brother - or the tooth fairy) and all copies destroyed after he had seen it? Secret documents are subject to controls - doubly so for "eyes only". The latter means that no notes are to be taken. They are usually distributed for reading and then collected afterwards - all in a "secure facility". They are not ever, never left anonymously. The man who delivered the document would have signed for it when picking it up and would have required a signature before leaving it. Nor would it linger in a

"basket". It would be immediately locked in a vault where such are kept and probably would require that any reader sign in and out for access every day. Nor, of course, could such documents leave anonymously. This leaves more interesting questions: As the document had a summary, why was our boy writing one? For whom was it written? What specific qualifications enable him to summarize material dealing with reactors the size of a football and the anatomy of literal unknowns? Why would this task be given a person facing involuntary discharge? As for "pressure", England is hardly the Third Reich. The UK simply does not punish families for the sins of absent members. The time factor certainly fits a theory of separation for the convenience of the service (a fancy way of saying that an officer is not up to snuff), and such might well have a bad effect on a person mentally.

"Retrieve a B-52" is another good one. To land the damn things requires the finest runways available with concrete a yard thick. Attempting to crash land one of these is virtual suicide. If he means pick up some of the fragments and look for ECM equipment, that might be different; but, of course, that's not the way it reads here. And shame on the UFO, of course. B-52's operated together. There were no single missions. Examine the flight times from UDorn, Tahn son Nhut and Da Nang to anywhere in Indo-China and figure how long it would take a B-52 to get help from the jet fighters - assuming that none were closer than the bases. And the space folk - with weapons both "exotic" and "nuclear" - are unable to "force down" an earthian design 20 years old before it can call for help (How else would we know it was a UFO)?

I suppose the CE III and IV witnesses we know about are simply those fortunate enough to have escaped the USAF dragnet. And as we haven't heard any complaints from these folks - imagine what the ACLU could do with this - we can well imagine what happened to them. The only baffling part is why the families haven't complained about the missing witnesses. Oh, how stupid of me - the families were also disposed "with prejudice"! In fact, this would explain the apparently rising crime rate: secret government agents massacring those who knew too much. Say - that means...could I have your clipping file? At least as interesting as the UFO would be the composition of a "powder" which would represent former blood. Why would the Army want such a thing instead of, say, nerve gas?

As for the "Friend-ly" matter, a lieutenant colonel is always referred to as "colonel" in conversation, but the military abbreviation is LTC, not "Col." (in a strictly informal, civilian sense, one might simply use the "Col." rather than "Lieut. Col." or "Lt. Col.", but the same lackadaisical standard does not apply to former officers writing serious documents - "serious", that is). And I would be rather surprised to hear that the USAF would skip 13 as simply unlucky, but the UFO effort was certainly more whimsical than most military works. Also, my suggestion is to check out the "UFO investigator with military/intelligence contacts", as the man can't seem to understand basic security procedures (possibly he knows an MP in the National Guard?). Please sign me up with the "reject out of hand" people.

(signed) X-9

MUTES AROUND THE WORLD

Expanding upon our coverage of potentially and seemingly-related animal mutilations (now to include humans?) on a global scale, we present the following up-date on reports that have reached us from outside the United States and Canada. After presenting this data and that in STIGMATA #10, we still cannot say with certainty that the international mutilation evidence reflects the very same causative factors as those behind the mutilations in the U.S. and Canada. The suggestion that this might be the case is not to be ignored. The accounts presented here are not hewn in stone. In translating, some detail or nuance may be lost or misplaced. And - as best we can tell - we are dealing with events that truly occurred, although it can be frustrating at times to be unable to obtain more details or confirmation regarding the foreign cases. We are grateful, though, for what we have at this point. We would appreciate notification from our readers of any events similar to those described below:

ARGENTINA

Fernando Cerdá Guardia of Madrid, Spain, provided us with a report on the "First Symposium on UFOs", held on February 23-24, 1980 in the city of Rio Cuarto, Province of Cordoba, Argentina. We are indebted to Leslie H. Johnson of Carlsbad, California, for translating the report from the Spanish. The portion we will excerpt below describes cases which were under discussion by attendees at the symposium:

Various present related details of cases known to them regarding mutilations. Discussed was the possibility that said operations were nothing more than zootechnological experiments, tending to explain certain doubts that extraterrestrial intelligences, before performing similar acts on humans, may have preferred to try them on animals. It was also brought up, and cannot be discarded, that these experiences, which to some may be unpleasant or disagreeable, may be experiences that would permit scientific advances, for the betterment of knowledge.

One case was related of cattle in the province of Santa Fe (Argentina) which were found with their ears cut, the hair around the area of the cut giving the impression of having been singed by some source of heat - that curiously did not in any way affect the skin below the hair. Neither was any sign of blood present, a fact especially noted by the veterinarians who examined the cattle. But above all, the thing most significantly strange were the cylindrical imprints left in the vicinity where the animals slept. These were about 30 centimeters in depth, as if samples of soil had been dug up for later study. Neither the area nor the animals gave any indication of the presence of radiation. Also, cases were cited in the province of Catamarca, in which sheep were found "degolladas" (translator's note: this may mean either "beheaded" or with

the throat cut - in either case - fatal) as if by some mysterious scalpel, and the impression was that the blood of these animals had been extracted in some strange manner.

Others present recounted similar cases in Brazil and in Uruguay. One member of the C.O.R. contributed data on some strange circular marks appearing on the backs of cows in a rural area around Elena, Province of Cordoba, Argentina. In these marks, the hair no longer grew, as testified by the owner of the animals. He added that up until the time they were taken to the "rastro" (where animals are killed and butchered) these animals bore "strange burns", the skin having the appearance of having been exposed to a high temperature.

The next events of interest, ironically enough, occurred near the city of Rio Cuarto, the site of the February 1980 symposium. In that same month (on an unspecified date), at around 9:30 PM, ranch worker Julio Mendizabal watched as a luminous oval object directed a searchlight-like beam down onto a cattle camp. The cattle were bellowing loudly and were noticeably disturbed. A day or so after the 3-minute observation, the area that had been struck by the beam was examined and the ground was found to have been "swept in a big circle".

Then, in the first half of May 1980, an incident occurred on the same ranch. Here, 25 kilometers from Rio Cuarto, three dead heifers were found in a corral by the ranch owner. The eyes of all three were described as being "out of their sockets". The anuses were "distended with abundant expelling of fecal matter". There were holes in the udders (about the size of .22 bullets) and curious holes on the rear backside of each animal. On only one of the carcasses, a portion of the left forelimb had been amputated with a clean cut through the bone (later confirmed by a veterinarian, who thought the deaths might have been caused by "an intense electrical discharge"). The tips of all three tails were cut off, "as if with an axe". There was no trace of blood and no footprints. However, 16 meters from the carcasses were four cleanly cylindrical holes in the ground, "with straight walls as if made by a sharp shovel". The four holes were arrayed in the shape of a square, with 20 cm. between the holes along each side of the "square". Unfortunately, in the body of the report, we are given one set of dimensions for the holes themselves (20 cm. in diameter and 12 cm. deep), while on an attached diagram of the holes, we are presented with a different set of dimensions (.20 cm. diameter and .12 cm. deep). The latter are very minute measurements, and it is possible (though this would be no more than an assumption) that the investigator might have intended to write .20 and .12 meters (i.e., 20 and 12 cm.). The holes on the animals' backs were similarly clean and well-defined, 1½ cm. in diameter & 5 cm. deep. Investigator Mario Luis Bracamonte inspected the site and interviewed the rancher & Julio Mendizabal. Although several days had passed by then and the rancher had burned the carcasses, Bracamonte examined the left foreleg stump of the one animal and found the bone cut "perfect, made by a specialist. (Credit: Report: Bob Pratt; translation: Jane Thomas)

MEXICO

Noted Puerto Rican writer-investigator Sebastian Robiou Lamarche, in his book MANIFIESTO OVNI, mentions the case of a 1400-pound Holstein cow found dead in Orizatlán, near Tampico, Mexico. No date is noted but the event apparently occurred in the mid-1970's. The cow was found with all its hair removed in a burned-like manner. There was also a wound that appeared to be caused by burning, near the heart, and very cleanly defined. The owner of the animal, Jerónimo Monterrubio Cervantes, stated that neither dogs nor vultures would approach the carcass. Dogs coming near the carcass would whine madly, then quickly run away. (Translation: David Gunter)

The following is an especially bizarre account investigated and reported by another well-known Puerto Rican researcher, Salvador Freixedo. It appeared in the journal MUNDO DESCONOCIDO (one of Spain's leading UFO publications, published in Barcelona) in the edition of December 1979. Fernando Cerdá Guardia provided the article, which was translated by Leslie H. Johnson and David Gunter. In Part One of the 2-part report (which space limitations will prohibit us from reproducing), Freixedo describes his UFO investigations in the Mexican state of Tabasco during the month of November 1978. Tabasco is in southern Mexico, bordered on the north by the Bay of Campeche (Gulf of Mexico), on the west by the state of Veracruz, on the south by the state of Chiapas and on the east by the state of Campeche on the Yucatan Peninsula; Villahermosa is the capital and largest city. "Anyone investigating that region", writes Freixedo, "for UFO sightings will encounter people from all social classes and from every corner of the state claiming to have seen them. An equally high number of sightings have been reported in the neighboring states of Campeche and Veracruz". Freixedo says he investigated any number of sightings, landings and "other phenomena" that had occurred that year (1978) and in the preceding year, then he devotes the second part of the report, which we will reproduce below, to one particular case:

...The incident...happened on the night of January 9, 1978. Seven men - all workers for PEMEX (Petroleos Mexicanos, the state oil monopoly) - were crowded into a Gremlin automobile. They were traveling down the well-traveled Federal Route 180 (running east-west along the 49 km. between Cardenas and Villahermosa) on their way to a party. Their mood was joyful and they were anticipating an evening of pleasure. Suddenly, in the midst of their jokes and laughter, a tremendous impact shook the car. The men had the sensation of being pelted in the face by small pebbles. It turned out they were being hit by tiny pieces of glass from the shattered windshield of the car.

They had not recovered from this first shock when the three passengers in the front seat began shouting at the driver to stop because they felt the weight of something across their legs. They later said it had felt like some sort of animal. The driver, in a panic, accelerated instead. It was a miracle that they did not crash or swerve off the road, be-

cause inside the car was bedlam, with screams of fear and desperation from those in front and pleas from those in back for the driver to stop. He was scarcely able to see, due to the impact of pieces of the windshield on his face. The car traveled some three kilometers from the point of impact before the driver regained control and stopped.

By then, those in the front seat had become aware of what was lying across their legs: The upper half of a human body. When the men finally stopped and got out, a little past the town of Loma de Caballo, they were understandably excited and horrified. Not knowing what to do, they left the half-corpse there and returned to their homes. Naturally they were unable to keep quiet about the incident and soon all except the driver, Fabian, were arrested and charged with vehicular homicide. Fabian, shaken even more than the others, disappeared before he could be arrested. Eventually, the other six were released from jail. The lower half of the corpse was found near the highway, approximately at the point of the impact on the windshield. The victim was found to be a poor laborer.

Why is this story included in an article on UFOs, when the men were accused of having run over the victim with an automobile? It is certain we do not have conclusive proof that the deed can be attributed to "ufonauts". Nevertheless, there are circumstances which cause us to suspect that this could be one more "joke" by a certain type of ufonaut that, it seems, are dedicated to toying with men, at times carrying out "jokes" as macabre as that we are describing. If it were the first we had encountered, certainly we would have much objection to admitting it as such. Disgracefully, it is one more in a long list. What are the reasons for suspecting that the incident was due to a "macabre joke" by "our good brothers from space"? The men swear, and doubly swear, that they did not hit the man but that the body fell from the sky. Indeed, the theory that the impact severed the man in half and threw the top half inside and the other half to the side of the road just does not make sense. Normally, what occurs in an accident like this is that the victim is simply run over or rolls off the hood of the car.

We visited the victim's son in his home. Spontaneously, he told us that he did not believe that his father had been killed or run over by a car, and he had two reasons for thinking this way: First, he could not think of a reason for his father to be out on that road, so far from his house and at that hour, and certainly not out in the road. Secondly, and more importantly to the son: the wounds his father exhibited were not consistent with what one would expect when someone is run over by an auto nor from the ragged edges of a broken windshield. Instead, his father seemed to have been sawed through or severed at the waist with some instrument, cleanly and without ragged edges in the body tissues or clothing. Instead of dangling of tissues such as stomach, intestines, etc., the cut left a straight, parallel surface. These details upset the son so much that he could not continue, and he asked his wife to help answer our questions. She corroborated all of the details, and then added something of importance: There was an absence of blood in both the body and on the clothes. How could a man be severed at the waist by the impact of a car and there be no blood? We were also told that there were no broken bones in

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either half of the corpse. The only exception was the spinal column, which seemed cut cleanly through without other fractures in the vertebrae. And, besides there being no blood on the clothing, neither were the clothes stained with dirt or mud. The victim's son and daughter-in-law simply could not explain what had happened. I had the impression that the extreme nervousness that possessed the son was due to the fact that in some confused way he realized that the event was an unnatural one and that at the bottom of it had to be something mysterious that he could not comprehend. It has left him terrified. Although this story may displease and frighten some, and without giving the impression that the case is closed, I have come to the conclusion that this case is related to someone or something linked with UFOs. It is certainly one of the more macabre incidents I have encountered in my investigations.

SPAIN

The Spanish province of Malaga is on the Mediterranean coast, near Gibraltar. In 1977, the British publication FLYING SAUCER REVIEW (Vol. 23, No. 2) reported on the "great volume" of UFO sightings in Malaga over the preceding two years, and went on to comment: "...it may be mentioned that about a year or so ago a number of mysterious deaths of animals began to be reported from the area around Malaga and Fuengirola - killings for which no explanations were ever found". The following article, under the headline "Mystery in the Mountains of Malaga", appeared in the Spanish newspaper LA GACETA DEL NORTE of August 6, 1978, under the byline of noted ufologist and writer J. J. Benitez. Again, thanks to Fernando Cerdá Guardia for the article and to David Gunter and Leslie H. Johnson for the translations. The incident described apparently took place in the spring of 1978:

Following the scent of UFOs, I found myself at the lonely and barren mountain of Ronda in the province of Malaga. I knew from previous investigations that spaceships are frequently reported in these mountainous areas; not only sightings but also landings. After stopping one night at a tiny farming community, hardly had the sun arisen when I saw a gathering of many of the field hands. They were discussing and commenting among themselves and pointing to a small area near one of the houses. Later when I became aware of the extraordinary experience these people had gone through, I understood the looks of surprise they gave me, a stranger from a distant region, who was asking questions about an unbelievable incident that had occurred just six hours earlier. For my part, for reasons I cannot explain, I had "felt" there had been a sighting somewhere in the area but I had no idea I had stumbled upon the very spot.

But, to the facts of the case. When the farm workers left me an opening in their conversation, I learned that on that same night, some of the inhabitants of the farm (whose names I am not authorized to reveal) had been awakened by the furious howls (more than just barking) of their dogs. "We went out on the porch", said one of the workers, "And on the small road that leads up here we saw something very strange". These farmers,

men without fear and who are accustomed to keen observation in their work (such as observing cattle from long distances), were absolutely sincere. "I arrived with one of the dogs on a leash", said the foreman, "And I was astonished by what I saw. I still don't know what it was. It was a human-like figure but one as if encased in a suit of metal. It had two large, long cylindrical legs, like two steel tubes, and they were shining in the moonlight".

Another witness added: "The figure - whatever it was - was approaching us with a very strange walk. The dogs continued to bark furiously and it was necessary to restrain them with great force to keep them from running down the road". When I asked about the "strange walk", they all answered with the same description: "The being seemed to be walking sideways, not forward like we would walk, but sideways".

When they took me to the spot where they had seen the figure walking, I felt a cold chill go through me. There were more than 50 tracks, deep and almost perfectly circular. They left the path and went around one of the houses on the farm. I was able to see that the prints always formed a straight line. It seemed to confirm the worker's testimony of the figure walking sideways. I could find no sign of parallel prints as would be made by someone walking normally. The footprints were fresh and deeply impressed as if made by something heavy. All of the prints I measured varied from 8 to 10 cm. deep.

"After a few seconds of indecision", continued one of the workers, "We set the dogs after the figure, but after a few minutes they returned serene, as though nothing had happened. There was no trace of that enormous figure. 'How could that be?', we asked ourselves. The dogs are fast and the thing with the metal legs could not have been more than 10 meters from the porch". The people assured me that from the instant they turned the dogs loose, the figure, more than 2 meters tall, had disappeared. They did not see it again. When dawn arrived, the workers found the footprints a little more than 2 meters from the walls of a house where a family slept. No one in the house, however, noticed anything abnormal during the night.

The incident became even more mysterious and complicated when, later that same morning, one of the farmers found the decapitated corpse of one of the cats that had lived on the farm for years. The man buried the cat before informing anyone of his discovery. "What kind of animal", asked the workers, "can capture an almost-wild country cat?" I asked that they dig up the remains of the unfortunate animal and the examination revealed a puzzling observation: the head and one of the front paws had been cleanly removed. After a prolonged and closer examination, I concluded that the two extremities had been severed with an instrument that not only cut precisely but also burned the tissue and hair around the cuts. The workers' question is well taken. What animal, indeed, could capture a farm cat, decapitate it cleanly and leave a burned edge around the wounds that could only have been made by a high temperature? Neither the head nor the paw of the cat (which, curiously, was about to give birth) could be found. When I had the re-

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mains of the cat examined by a veterinarian in the city of Malaga, he confirmed my initial hypothesis: the animal had been cleanly "guillotined" by a metal instrument.

But, asked the inhabitants of the mountains, who would have killed the animal and for what reason? Does the dead cat have any connection with the mysterious footprints found on the farm? Who or what was the large being of metallic appearance? What was the being looking for, and how was it able to disappear so quickly? Days later, I was able to determine that the same being (a robot, perhaps?) was seen on other occasions in the farms and villages of the mountains.

FRANCE

In the mid-to-late 1970's, in the Vosges area of northeastern France (Vosges is a "department", like a district or province, and "Vosges" also refers to a mountainous area which extends to the east of the department toward Germany), many animals - frequently sheep - fell victim to the predation of an unidentified animal immortalized as the "Vosges Beast" ("la bête des Vosges"). Although there are supposedly no wolves left in France, it was speculated that the "Beast" could be a large wolf which slipped into the area from Germany, say, from the Black Forest. Then, on January 15, 1980, the following article appeared in the newspaper LE REPUBLICAIN LORRAIN of Nancy, France - an article reporting on a "raving mad man attacking herds and flocks" in Vosges Department. We are indebted to Jean Sider, a leading French authority on mutilation-type events, for the article and the translation:

"We must find the raving lunatic who is slaughtering our cattle and sheep, because it is possible he could move to women and young girls", exclaimed Mlle. Mas, the president of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Vosges Department. What is certain, after several years, is that some deranged person is slaughtering animals in the area. Armed with a knife or razor, he is mutilating rams, bull calves and even horses. Last week he attacked a ewe which was about to give birth. "He disemboweled it, opening the poor ewe from teats to sternum", explained Mlle. Mas. "It is the fiftieth case in fourteen years!" It would seem, indeed, that the first act of this kind was perpetrated in 1966 in Courcelles-sous-Chatenois, where two bull calves were emasculated. Since then, numerous stockmen from Vosges have lodged complaints with the Gendarmes about similar affairs. The chief of the Gendarmes in the town of Bulgneville says that for 2 or 3 years no knife attacks were recorded. Then, 10 sheep and a horse were mutilated by the "raving mad man". "From the outset, we thought this due to quarrels among neighboring stockmen", said Dr. Mery, a veterinarian in Bulgneville, "but quickly we realized this was quite another thing, and I'm convinced we're dealing with a 'deranged man'". This is similar to a statement made by Mlle. Mas: "This lunatic wasn't in action during the "Vosges Beast" affair, but now he is doing it again. Until now he was attacking only male animals. But on Friday it was a female that he disemboweled. Tomorrow, it may be a woman or young girl".

BRAZIL

The NATIONAL ENQUIRER, in an article in its edition of June 2, 1981, reported on events in the Amazon coastal area of Northern Brazil, with the city of Belem more or less at the center of the area. People in this region allegedly have been rendered unconscious (not fatally) by beams of light and then they are often partially drained of blood, leaving strange marks on their chests, from which it was thought the blood may have been extracted. A photo accompanying the article depicts a victim, an 18-year-old Belem girl, being examined by a physician. It is also reported that animals in the area have been killed by having their blood "totally drained". One horse-owner claims to have seen an object with three humanoids inside sending out "rays of different colors". Two horses were found dead and bloodless there the next morning, according to the article. Supposedly panic-stricken residents have reports other UFOs. It is claimed that two air force planes were disintegrated in an encounter with an unknown airborne object. Frustratingly, and as is typical of many tabloid accounts, no dates are given for any of the incidents; it's merely stated that they have occurred within the "past three years".

Then, in the NATIONAL ENQUIRER of October 20, 1981, another article describes a "Secret UFO Base Under Amazon River". The so-called "Devil's Graveyard" is a triangular area formed by three Amazon river towns: Obidos, Monte Alegre and Santarem. This is very near the area described in the article of 6-2-81, but is further inland along the Amazon. Charles Tucker, director of the Indiana-based International UFO Investigative Bureau, along with an American reporter and Major Holland Lima, a Brazilian Air Force UFO investigator, embarked on an expedition into the area in the summer of 1981. The ENQUIRER, having interviewed Tucker, reports that hundreds of UFO sightings have been reported in the "Devil's Graveyard" area, and a notable number of the objects have been seen entering and/or leaving the Amazon River itself, leaving officials ranging from local police to retired Brazilian Army General Moacyr Uchoa convinced that there is an underwater UFO base in the area. More details were revealed by Tucker in an October 1981 press released, a portion of which is reproduced below:

In this area not only disc objects have been seen but 10 other types have also been reported. The expedition took a cattle boat to fishing villages and small cities in this area of the Amazon. They found through their investigations that there are four noted beams of light that have been seen coming out of the UFOs. All four beams of light seem to have a different purpose. If the UFOs and their occupants are observing an area, a bluish-white light is used. The light reminds one of landing lights on an aircraft or observing lights that the Air Force uses. In one instance a triangular UFO came down for a landing. It had glass-like windows around the center where blond, blue-eyed occupants could be seen. Many of the fishermen of this area have stopped fishing at night because of the constant hassle of the UFOs and their bright lights keeping the fish away. Many of the farmers report their cattle being frightened by these lights. The second type of

beam is blue. The blue lights seem to put everything in limbo. When the blue light covers a fisherman's boat or the fishermen while tending their nets, everything within the blue light becomes quiet and still. The third type of beam is red, and seems to be harmful. A 37-year-old woman was burned on the upper left breast and left arm by such a beam and had to be hospitalized in Belem. The final beam is yellow. This seems to be a holding type of light. In Monte Alegre, 2 hunters were hunting and a UFO came and caught one of them in a beam of yellow light. He could not move out of the beam. His friend didn't know what to do so he started shooting at the yellow beam. The lights then left and his friend fell to the ground. The distressed hunter stated, "I felt as though I was in a plastic tube". In another case a hunter was riding his bicycle when he saw a bright beam of yellow light. He stopped and started shooting at the beam, when he was knocked off his bicycle. He was left unconscious for some time.

Investigating a case, Major Lima, according to the ENQUIRER, saw a disc-shaped UFO with portholes near Monte Alegre. It was amber-colored and twice the size of a jetliner. Tucker feels that the United Nations should sponsor an expedition into the area.

ENGLAND

From the "Devil's Graveyard" to the "Devil's Garden". Though the origin of the latter name may have been lost in time, the term refers to a wide, flat expanse of lush vegetation and farm fields along the River Weaver near Frodsham, Cheshire, England. Four young men in their late teens were hunting pheasant (poaching, actually) on the night of January 27, 1978, when they saw a strange object which flew along the river surface then landed in bushes nearby. There was an eerie mixture of sounds: a humming plus a noise like rushing wind.

The 15-foot object had a sort of skirt or rim around the bottom; there were flashing lights and a strange glow that was painful to stare at emanated from the windows. Two space-suited figures emerged from the craft with a cage-like apparatus which appeared to be made of a light metal. The figures wore miners-lamp-type lights, but the light they produced was the same strange ultra-violet-type light that could be seen through the windows of the craft. The two beings walked to a motionless herd of cattle in a nearby field, where they placed the "cage" around one of the cows. They begin to move struts and bars along the cage as though making precise measurements of the animal's size and shape.

The 4 witnesses became frightened and ran from the scene. As they ran, some felt a "funny feeling" or "tingling". One felt as though there were some sort of invisible force pulling on his testicles. His testicles & legs were sore for a few days and his legs were red as though from a mild sunburn. The account was chronicled by Jenny Randles & Paul Whetnall in FLYING SAUCER REVIEW (Vol. 26, No. 3 - 1980).

REPORT FROM EDWIN AUSTIN OF THE
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CLASSIC VS NON-CLASSIC MUTES

I stick to the "classics" because they lend themselves to personal examination and my own investigative methods. I have actually examined over 200 allegedly mutilated animals and found only three which satisfied me as to authenticity. Non-classics deteriorate so fast, all I ever get to see is a smelly carcass, most of the parts long since eaten by scavengers.

SILENT HELICOPTERS

Hughes Aircraft specializes in the development of silent helicopters. Their first model, the 500C, came out about 1965. The current model is the 500D. They have quieted down both the tail and main rotors until the only noise from a distance of about a quarter of a mile (say, about 1000 feet) would be a high-pitched whine. The engine is even quieter. These choppers cruise at about 160 mph, top out at about 175. At that speed, they are capable of outrunning any police-owned vehicle, including fixed-wing aircraft, which cruise at a maximum of about 150 to 160 mph. The 500C was widely used by the military in Vietnam and hundreds of surplus craft are running around. I get contradictory signals on this craft. Hughes says "It ain't all that quiet". But experienced chopper pilots say that they are heard only as a whine at about 1000 feet from their position while in flight. The pilots' information would be more reliable than Hughes', so for the time being I stick with it, and it does fit the known cases. Military ownership or usage is unknown to my source. They cost about \$300,000. Their lifting capability is well over 1000 lbs. Normal seating arrangements are for four passengers plus a pilot, plus baggage. From this, it appears that existing technology since 1965 makes the "silent helicopter" both feasible and likely, given financial resources. It seems to me that law enforcement and investigators would be well-advised to watch for one of those two models of chopper at local airports, say, within range of 100 miles of a mutilation. There can't be all that many around, thereby limiting the scope of investigation to manageable proportions.

HUMAN MUTES

There are growing numbers of "vampire investigators" who have collected large numbers of near-classic human mutes. The tabloid WEEKLY WORLD NEWS (12-2-80) describes two. In one, a couple was found with their hearts cut out, blood drained, in New York City. In another, a 7-year-old Hispanic boy was found with his side ritually mutilated, blood drained. There are many similar cases all over the world, but I have not indexed more than a small portion. Generally, they are strikingly similar to the cattle mutes. Also, parallel to the mutes in the Atchison, Kansas area, there is a bizarre cult murder involving similar mutilations, plus a missing young woman who is believed to be another victim. The human killer is convicted and in prison, talking like a parrot about the cult. Joe Hartigan, reporter for KQTV in St. Joseph, Missouri, tells me he tied a police officer into the cult with three specific pieces of evidence and publicized it, followed by a clamp-down on all investigations and publicity by police.

UFOs

I do not ignore them and follow developments closely. But I have never been able to establish a connection to the mutes, to my satisfaction...and, believe me, I tried. So I keep UFO material separated from mute material.

INVESTIGATIVE METHODS AND EVALUATIONS

My basic method is an extensive cross-referenced card file which leads into specific, chronologically-filed master folders. At the moment, I only index names, and am waiting to see what other information needs to be included. It is becoming apparent that a subject and geographical index are needed. What else is needed will become apparent as the need develops. I do not use police method, rather, military intelligence. This means two major departures. Assumptions are made for testing purposes on weight of evidence, rather than the go-no-go method used by police. More important, lack of mention of a subject can be and often is more important than how it is mentioned. For example, there hasn't been one word from official sources about Thomas Townsend Brown's patents in connection with UFOs. This raises very, very large questions that all official statements are designed to keep the mystery, to divert attention from Brown's secret work for the Navy at Stanford University. Jacques Vallee's book MESSENGERS OF DECEPTION takes one possible answer as population control technology. I am personally in possession of knowledge of a CIA supervisor who has a lifetime history of population control experiments, using cult techniques. Again, there has been absolutely no official mention of the hundreds of tiny cults that spring up around UFOs. Cults are a viable population control technique; it cannot be ruled out. In the case of the mutes, the complete silence about the 2 more or less silent Hughes choppers raises the same questions. The principal difference here is the terrorist aspect of the mutes. Why hasn't anyone ever researched victims for parallel political or religious views? That is such a glaring omission in official circles that I consider it a prime unused investigative line. Terrorism is in fact a population control technology, when used by knowledgeable people. One cannot rule it out.

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Filler

A media source informs us that at U.S. Sen. Harrison Schmitt's mutilation conference in Albuquerque in April of 1979, someone from one of the U.S. military services was there to photograph the attendees.....The motion picture "Cows" has been retitled "Endangered Species" and has been filming under a cloak of secrecy, more or less, around Sheridan, Wyoming and Denver, Colorado.....After a slow start in 1981, mute reports picked up as the year moved along. Coverage begins in the next STIGMATA (1st Quarter, 1982).
